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President Bultman speaks regarding GSA

Matt Cook
EDITOR IN CHIEF

James Bultman, Hope College president, spoke about the Gay Straight Alliance (GSA), Thursday night on Anchor 6 news, Hope's student news show.

As reported in the Anchor two weeks ago, the GSA was not allowed to meet on campus.

When asked about it, Bultman said that the decision not to allow the GSA to meet came from an earlier decision to deny the group official status. Without official recognition, groups are not allowed to

reserve rooms or advertise on campus.

"That was a decision that I had personally supported publicly," Bultman said.

Bultman said that the college adheres to the same view on homosexuality as the Reformed Church in America.

"The RCA and the college believe [homosexuality] is contrary to God's plan for human sexuality and contrary to the teaching of scripture," Bultman said.

In an interview with the Anchor, Jeff Howard ('02), GSA president,

refuted that that is the RCA viewpoint, citing a 1994 statement from the General Secretary of the RCA stating that the RCA is "committed to dialogue" on the issue.

In his TV comments, Bultman made a distinction between homosexual behavior and homosexual students. Bultman said he cares for homosexual students, but does not want the college to support homosexual behavior.

"The college does not officially recognize or financially support those groups or associations that include advocacy or legitimacy of

homosexual practice," Bultman said.

Howard maintained that the mission of the GSA is not advocacy.

"We're not a sex-ed group, we're not an advocacy group, we're an educational group," Howard said. "Whatever stand you want to take on it is completely fine with the group. If we were an advocacy group, we wouldn't be willing to let people in with the viewpoint that homosexuality is a sin."

Bultman is in the final stages of putting together a task force to decide how the campus should fur-

ther confront the issue.

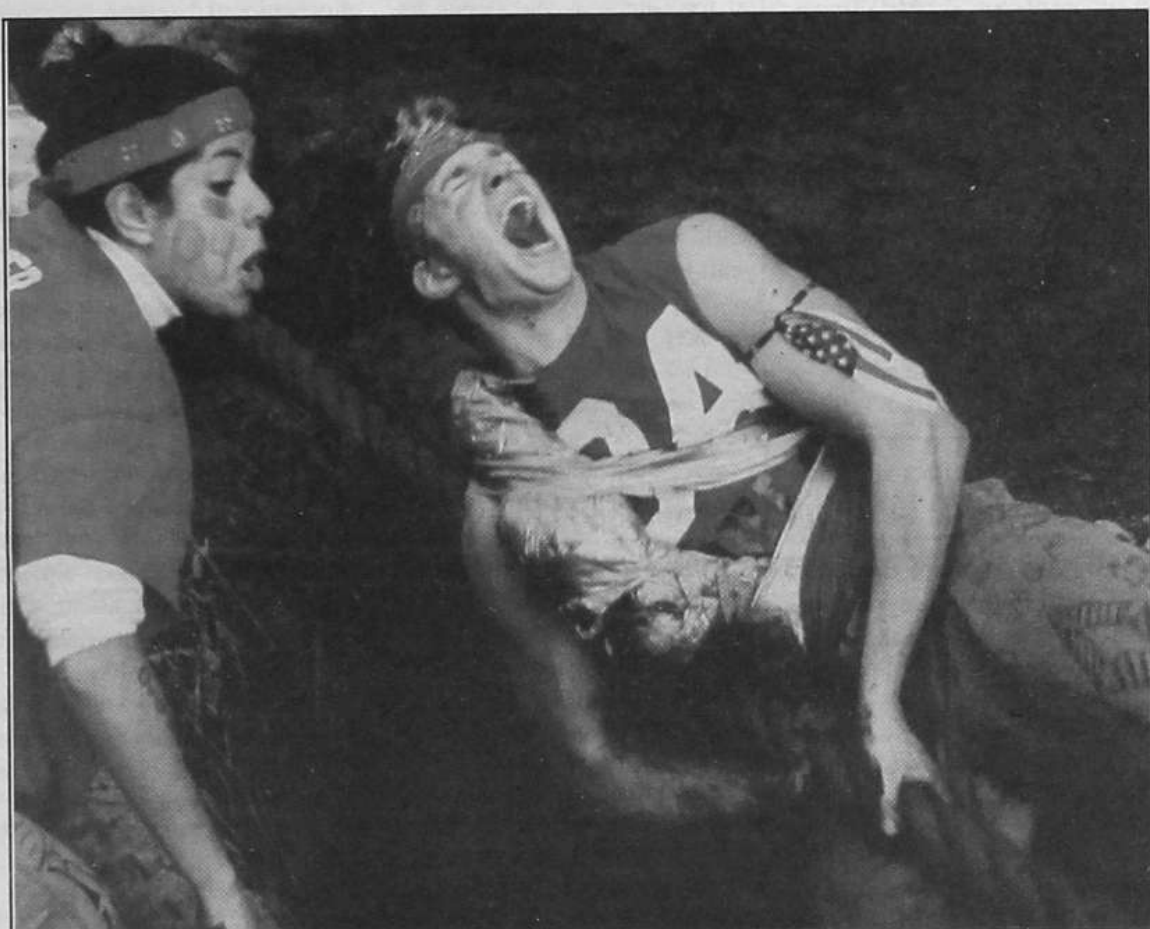
"I hope the Gay Straight Alliance will give this group the opportunity to do their work," Bultman said.

Howard agrees that the task force is a good idea.

"I'm actually looking forward to the task force and to giving suggestions," Howard said. "It's a step in the right direction."

However, Howard does not believe the task force should take the place of the GSA.

"There's no student input on this group," Howard said. "It's not a discussion group."



ANCHOR PHOTO BY ROB ONDRA

KEEPIN' IT MOVIN': Adam Throop ('04) pulls and Beth D'Agosta ('04) yells encouragement as his moraler.

Even year wins the Pull

Andy Volk
ASST. SPORTS EDITOR

For the 104th straight year, a treasured rope stretched across the Black River on Saturday. With thirty-six pairs of callused hands shaking anxiously before clenching this oversized rope and the un-mistakable chanting of the inspirational morale girls, "The Pull" was set to begin.

Traditionally, the first 25 minutes of The Pull is filled with an array of intense counter

attacks. This year's first half-hour was no less aggressive than any other Pull. Each team exploded into and out of numerous heaves and strains. Both '04 and '05 crowds responded to this early action in a very excited manor. Even year came out of the first thirty minutes of battle with a rumored 8 ft. advantage over Odd year. There were a few somewhat early "17 ups" for Even year. A 17 up is when the puller in pit 17 stands up and holds the position of being the anchor while the

original anchor takes in the rope that the team has brought home. When that process is finished the anchor informs pit 17 and they both fall back into place.

At about the half way mark, there was a combination of very successful heaves for the '04 Pull team. Though all of the their faces began to look worn, the '04 team continued to keep focused on ripping the rope inch by inch from the Odd year. At around the two-hour mark, Donnie Hart, **more PULL on 2**

21st Annual CIS starts this week

Kurt Koehler
STAFF REPORTER

Hope College's 21st annual Critical Issues Symposium, titled "Earth Matters: Daily Decisions, Environmental Echoes," will open October 2. The symposium will feature keynote addresses from David Orr, professor of environmental studies at Oberlin College, Calvin Dewitt, professor of environmental studies at the University of Wisconsin-Madison and founder of the Evangelical Environmental Network, and Susan Bratton, professor and chairperson of environmental studies at Baylor University. Orr will give the opening keynote address entitled "Designing A World That Works" at 7pm in Dimnent Memorial chapel.

"He [Orr] deserves the national reputation he enjoys," said Brian Bodenbender, professor of Geology and Environmental Science. "His work points out that our environment isn't someplace 'out there' with rocky streams flowing down forested mountain slopes, but instead our environment is right here where we live, and that is where we impact the environment most."

Dewitt will give the morning keynote address at 9a.m. on October 3rd entitled "Caring for Creation: Responding Biblically to Environmental Issues." Bratton will give the closing keynote address at 2:45pm entitled "Finding Christ in the Oceans & Atmosphere." In between these addresses, there will be focus groups, a Tuesday night (10pm) concert given by Erik Muiderman and Friends at the

Knickerbocker Theater, and a Wednesday morning chapel service highlighted by an address entitled "For God so Loved the World" by Wesley Granberg-Michaelson, general secretary of the Reformed Church in America.

"Hope is fortunate in that we have been able to attract nationally recognized speakers, experts in their own area of interest, to the symposium. All of our speakers have strong academic reputations for scholarly work on one and in some cases various aspects of the environment," said Alfredo Gonzales, associate provost and chairman of the critical issues committee.

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TOUCH OF LOVE: Susan Bratton of Baylor University will speak at CIS this year

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WIO gathers together in protest against violence

Courtney Klein

CAMPUS BEAT EDITOR

Rachel Gazda ('03) of the Women's Issues Organization will join many others on Thursday, September 27th at 9:00 p.m., where they will participate in Take Back the Night.

Take Back the Night is a National or International march to raise awareness that women aren't safe at night," Gazda said.

This year, many speakers will join Gazda in promoting women's issues across Hope's campus. Speaking along with Gazda are Dean Frost, Susan Atefat Peckam, and Joel Peckam, both of the English Department, Amber Garrison of Student Development, and Cathy Wemette, Hope student and intern at the Center for Women in Transition. This center helps local women with rape, sexual assault, and domestic violence. Jillian McCloud of the Math Department will also be in attendance: she is the advisor for the Women's Issues Organization.

Thursday's events begin around lunch time, where the Women's Issues Organization will be handing out purple ribbons as a reminder of violence against women. At 9:00,

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The focus groups will discuss a variety of environmentally related topics.

"Topics include environmental racism, literary environmentalism, urban development, biblical views of the environment, and politics and the environment," said Bodenbender.

Related events include a concert by performing artist Billy Curmano, a biology department seminar, and the San Francisco Mime Troup.

This will be the second time in a decade that the critical issues symposium has focused on the environment.

The Critical Issues Symposium took the environment as its topic ten years ago. In 1991, we saw the environment suffering under the strain of our collective success. Through the enactment of legislation and the efforts of thousands of activists, the

candles will be passed out, and the speakers will progress with the opening remarks and the Key Note Address, done by Susan and Joel Peckham. The Pine Grove is the first stop of many during this march.

"The group goes on to the next stop...last year was the first year that we added a new stop for women who are victims of rapes that go unreported for various reasons. These stops are places where at some point women have been assaulted," Gazda said.

Gazda went on to explain where the information regarding the location of assaults was obtained.

"We [Women's Issues Organization] got this information from the Office of Public Safety, but these assaults happened years back," Gazda said.

The Women's Issues Organization also compiled the chants said between each stop.

"Women unite, take back the night. Men join the fight, help take back the night," and "Out of the houses and into the streets. No more women raped or beat," will be amongst the chants said on Thurs-

day, Gazda said.

Gazda added a note regarding the negative commentary that can be associated with events like Take Back the Night.

"There have been no negative comments yet this year. There are always people who are threatened by things like this, which I don't understand. This is not about men-hating," Gazda said. "We have experienced negative aspects in years past. We would like people to respect us like we respect other student organizations."

The George Mason University Sexual Assault Services compiled rape and assault statistics from many sources. They found that every 21 hours, there is a rape on a college campus (USA Today)

A survey of more than 6,000 college students found that 42% of women students reported some form of sexual assault, including forcible sexual contact, attempted rape and completed rape (Koss and Harvey).

One out of every 4 college women who were polled were sexually assaulted during their four years at college, and most of the assaults occurred on weekends..

will have a lasting effect amongst those who attend.

"I want students to come away from this with commitments to improving the environment in their daily lives at Hope and resolutions to learn more about how to make a positive impact on the environment in the community, the nation, and the globe," said Hemenway.

Bodenbender had similar thoughts.

"What I want students to come away with is an understanding of the idea encapsulated in the subtitle of the symposium, 'daily decisions, environmental echoes'. I want students to realize that commonplace decisions we make on how to live our lives have consequences for the environment," Bodenbender said.



D. Orr

environment today is much better off than it was ten years ago. Still, unless we do something to curb our national appetite for cars, new homes, recreation and industrial development, the environment will suffer irreparable harm in the years ahead," said Gonzales.

"The quality of the environment will in large measure determine the quality of our own lives."

Steven Hemenway, professor of english and CIS committee member, concurred.

"This topic was suggested because environmental issues are critical to our survival as a human race," Hemenway said.

* Committee members have high hopes that the symposium this year



ANCHOR PHOTO COURTESY OF HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

A FRIENDLY MEETING: Millard Fuller of Habitat meets with members Andrew Vanover ('02) and Tracey Forbes ('03)

Habitat helping

Jamie Pierce

CAMPUS BEAT EDITOR

Hope's student chapter of Habitat for Humanity has begun another year of service.

This year has already been highlighted by a trip to Indianapolis last weekend.

"Affiliates from all over the United States and around the world were there to celebrate 25 years of Habitat International," said Tracey Forbes ('03), a member of Hope's group.

"It was a time to celebrate, reflect, and be thankful, but also to see the challenges of the next 25 years," said Andrew Vanover ('02), President of Hope's Habitat chapter.

Vanover cited Habitat International's goal of building 100,000 new homes over the next five years, adding to the more than 100,000 homes that have already been constructed in Habitat's 25 year history.

Hope students attended several

workshops geared toward college groups.

"We gained lots of knowledge," said Eric Barendse ('03), "It was motivational because everyone there was enthusiastic about advancing the mission of Habitat... to eliminate sub-standard housing throughout the world."

Hope's student volunteers all agree that the Indianapolis trip was inspirational and motivational. Speeches were delivered by Millard Fuller, founder of Habitat for Humanity, and students had the privilege of meeting Jimmy Carter, a longtime Habitat supporter.

Habitat's group activities include twice-monthly Saturday morning construction work, fund raisers, and an annual Spring Break work trip. Students with any or no construction experience are encouraged to volunteer.

Students with questions, concerns, comments, or suggestions should send email to habitat@hope.edu.

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Even Year anchor, began to appear a bit faint and weak in the knees. He was seemingly brought back to life by the echoing chant of "Donnie" over and over again by the entire '04 pull team and their devoted crowd. A great showing of unity began to surface in the last hour for the Even year.

"We just came together as a team this entire week. Each day was better and better, and today was the best yet," said '04 morale girl, Sarah Gonzalez.

With neither team knowing for sure how much rope they have gained or lost, the competition always goes until the very last measurement.

"You can always feel if you are ripping a lot of rope, but it is easy to not notice the small amounts that you may loose on an inch up or an off sync heave," said a '98 puller.

When the 3 unexplainable hours of ripping and tearing at another team of pullers was final, the Even year coaches commanded the '04 team to pull in the rope to symbolize that they were the men and women of the Black River that day.

"I've been waiting all year for this exact moment. Last year they told us to die off the rope; it wasn't going to happen this year,"

Gonzalez said.

The Even year had posted a solid 26 ft. advantage over the Odd year, revenging for the loss of last year.

"Unbelievable, every push-up, every bit of sweat was completely worth it. Amazing," said '04 puller, Zach Zimelman.

Being on the other side of the rope left responses of a different kind. Through the loss, they left with their heads held high, and for good reason.

"They did well. I'm proud, they kept going. They did themselves proud, they didn't give up," said '05 coach Anne Schrock.

Odd year puller Matt Chatelain said, "I'm hurting bad. We did everything we could...we should walk with our heads up high, we never gave up, we stuck it out and tried hard, I'll definitely do it again next year."

As the Even year celebrated in the river they began to chant, "'05 pull team, awesome pull team" as a sign of respect to their opposition. Then Odd year responded in chanting, "'04 pull team, awesome pull team" from the opposite side of the Black River.

This was the ending to another year of tradition and camaraderie at Hope College.

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Is Hope a Christian college?

CHRISTIANITY and
the Hiring Policy

The third and final part in the series investigates the Christian commitment required of potential tenure track professors.

Jane Bast

RELIGION EDITOR

Since 1984, Hope College has reaffirmed its commitment to hiring Christian professors.

Under the leadership of then president Gordan Van Wylen, and with the support of the Board of Trustees, the decision was made to emphasize the importance of a professor's Christian faith as part of the hiring criteria.

"We have guidelines that we've followed since 1984," said Nancy Miller, interim Provost of Hope College. "Those guidelines list several criteria, including a commitment to the historic Christian faith. We've tried very hard to hire Christians for the past 15 to 20 years."

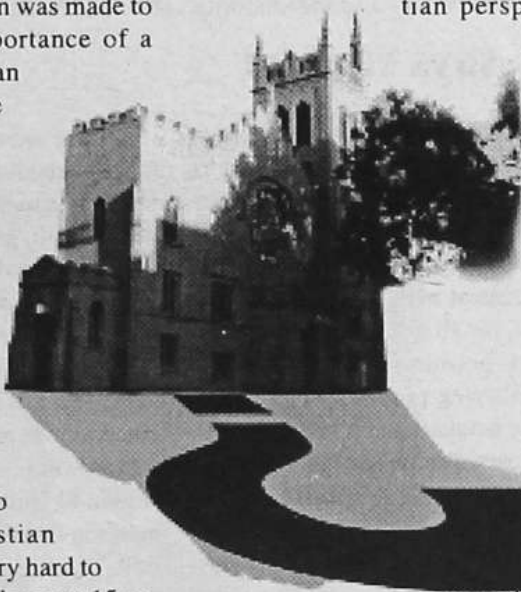
The list of requirements for professors includes effective teaching, evidence of scholarship, the ability to advance as a professional, the ability to contribute to multiculturalism, a commitment to the goals of a liberal arts education, an integrated outlook on their discipline and a commitment to the historic Christian faith.

"We're looking for all of these things," Miller said. "Some candidates will be stronger in some fields than in others, but they must have all the requirements or else they do a disservice to the students."

When a department wishes to hire a new professor, it goes through a series of steps. First, it asks the provost and deans to permission to search for possible applicants. Then, it writes a job description which it submits to the dean, who then begins to advertise. When a potential professor reads job descriptions on the Hope College website, he or she will see the

following statement:

"[Applicants must have] the ability to combine excellence in classroom teaching with scholarly or other appropriate professional activity, and commitment to the character and goals of a liberal arts education within a Christian perspective."

ANCHOR GRAPHIC
BY CHAD SAMPSON

tive."

The chair of the department receives all the applications for the position and reviews them with a departmental committee in order to select the best possible candidates.

"Sometimes we establish additional criteria or guidelines for a department," Miller said. "One goal may be to increase the number of women and minorities within a department."

Once a department reduces the field to what Miller calls a "long-short list," a list of 5 to 10 applicants, the dean will either approve the list or tell the department to keep looking.

"Ultimately, we bring three applicants to campus," Miller said.

By the time a candidate makes it to Hope's campus for a visit, they have already had several conversations on the nature of the college.

"Once a person comes to campus, they have a lot invested in the job," Miller said. "We want them

to be absolutely aware that Hope is a Christian school. We don't want anyone to have false ideas about Hope."

Miller personally calls candidates to talk to them about Hope's Christian character.

"We talk about the wide spectrum of Christian colleges and how Hope fits into that spectrum," Miller said. "I try to demonstrate that Hope walks a fine line between those schools that don't care about their Christian heritage and those that put it before academics."

Miller has the difficult job of having to probe into an applicant's spiritual life without being offensive.

"I want to know if [candidates] are excited about Hope's Christian commitment or just willing to put up with it," Miller said. "I have to try to understand where candidates are in their journey. I try to affirm them for who they are."

While asking professors to be committed Christians may limit the application pool, Miller feels that it is important for potential professors to know what they are getting into.

"The more criteria you have, the narrower your funnel is," Miller said. "But we want candidates to be able to contribute in all areas of the college. They have to like this place and want to be here."

Miller feels that having a Christian faculty is important to maintaining the mission of the college.

"The faculty determine what the school is and what it values," Miller said. "Some people might say that all you need is a critical mass of Christians. I think that would be a difficult status to maintain. If we value the Christian character of our school, then our faculty need to have a mature understanding of and commitment to the Christian faith."

Professors respond to Hope's hiring policy

Erica Heeg

STAFF REPORTER

While Hope professors may agree on the importance of faith on Hope's campus, not all agree on how faith should be included in the hiring policy. Since 1984, a professor's Christian commitment has been an important criteria in Hope's hiring policy. Professors who have been at Hope for a number of years have noticed the change.

"I was hired at a time when the temple at Hope was larger," said Jack Ridl, professor of English, who is now in his thirty-first year at Hope.

"I came in with a group of faculty who lived out a wider diversity of spiritual lives," Ridl said. "I don't recall using the word 'commitment' to describe our spiritual lives. I am

troubled by the usage of that word here. There can be a subtext in its use suggesting a starting point of a lack of trust, or bad faith, and there is also a notion in it that one's faith is something quantifiable and visible."

Ridl believes that the terms and context in which the policy views an individual's beliefs may be different than in years before.

"I would say that a professor's faith has always been important during my tenure here," Ridl said. "What has changed from my perspective is that the definition of it has become narrowed and confined to something one can articulate. It has become something others are unconsciously willing to invade, question, narrow, dismiss, and probe."

Marc Baer, professor of history, believes the Hope's current policy is necessary in sus-

taining a Christian campus. Baer believes that without Christian professors, the Christian commitment of the student body would soon deteriorate.

"As the professorate would go, so would the students," Baer said. "If you want students to have a world view that is Christian, that they're supposed to be servants, not in it for the money, not in it for the power, loving the Lord their God with all their heart and mind and soul and strength, loving their neighbors as themselves, how else except to have professors who want that for themselves as well?"

Ridl believes that having professors of different faiths might increase the Christian commitment of some students.

"At one time, when the question about

whether or not Hope was a Christian college came up in the context that to be a Christian college all the faculty had to be Christian, I made the Jonathan Swift-like response that I thought to be a Christian college, all of the students should be Christian and none of the faculty should be," Ridl said. "Then the students would be honorably prepared to be in, but not of, the world."

By requiring professors to be Christians, Ridl wonders if Hope students are no longer challenged by a wide spectrum of beliefs. By diversifying the faith perspectives of faculty, Ridl believes Hope would be a more Christian college.

"I'm embarrassed that we claim to be

Jane Bast



Religion editor

RANDOM SAMPLINGS

Farewell

When Lou Gehrig discovered he had ALS, he decided to quit baseball.

He ended his legendary career with a graceful speech to his fans at Yankee Stadium. He stood in front of the roaring crowd, with tears in his eyes, and announced that even though illness forced him to say good-bye to the thing that had defined his adult life, he was still the luckiest man on the face of the earth.

With Lou Gehrig as my inspiration, I announce my retirement from the Anchor. After fall break, I'm done.

I think the similarities between Lou and me are pretty strong. He suffered from Lou Gehrig's Disease, a nerve disorder that slowly robs you of your life. I suffer from Jane Bast disease, a burnout related nervous disorder that slowly robs you of your will to live.

Lou Gehrig had one of the most distinguished careers in baseball—he has the record for the second most consecutive starts (after Cal Ripken). I hold the Anchor record for the second most consecutive farts (after former Infocus editor Dana Lamers).

Lou Gehrig was surrounded by an outstanding collection of teammates, people like Babe Ruth. I'm surrounded by an outstanding collection of editors who enjoy eating Baby Ruths.

But the closest similarity between the two of us is that we both decided to quit while we were still at the top of our game.

The Anchor defined the first two years of my college career. When I started Hope, the Anchor staff took me in, befriended me, and gave me a way to express myself. The Anchor gave me an inside view on the life of the college. It's

allowed me to meet professors, administrators and students that I never would have met otherwise.

But like any great activity, it can take over your life if you're not careful. The Anchor staff spends about 16 hours a week producing the newspaper. That's the same amount of time as a four credit class - only Anchor employees don't receive any class credit. Anchor staff members get, on average, \$13 a week for their work. That works out to about 80 cents an hour.

The Anchor is a labor of love. That's why it's hard to remember that the Anchor is only an extracurricular activity.

Sometimes I feel like Max Fisher, a character from the movie "Rushmore." Max organizes and participates in just about every extracurricular activity imaginable, but fails all of his classes. When an extracurricular activity becomes your life, learning becomes an extracurricular activity - the thing you do in your free time.

I've come to realize that I love learning more than I love the Anchor. I love walking into a class empty-headed and leaving it an hour later with my mind full. I see the presence of God in the faces of professors who challenge me to expand the limits my understanding. Learning is the best way I know how to worship. It's my way of thanking God for giving me a brain.

The Anchor gave me a two wonderful years. I'm thankful to be able to leave it on such good terms with my memories and friendships intact. I'm grateful to all the people who read and appreciated my writing. But I'm looking forward to having more time for my education.

I feel like the luckiest woman on the face of the earth.

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Editor's voice

Bultman shows true colors

President Bultman's statements on Anchor 6 News about the Gay Straight Alliance for Awareness were disappointing, but not surprising. It doesn't make sense for Hope College to cling to the Reformed Church in America's view's on the issue. Hope and the RCA are two very different things. One is a church, one is a college. One preaches, one teaches. College isn't about doctrine, it's about expanding our minds. Groups like the GSA can only enrich our educational experience and our worldview.

Bultman said the college won't support any group that "advocates" or "legitimizes" homosexual behavior, but homosexuality has been supported again and again in the opinion pages of this officially recognized newspaper, and here it is again: in this editor's opinion, homosexuality is a perfectly fine way of life and it is not in any way "contrary to God's plan for human sexuality."

Anyway, the GSA doesn't advocate homosexuality, it only educates about homosexuality.

Bultman said he wants the GSA to give his Task Force a chance, but why doesn't Bultman give the GSA a chance? Hope College students are ready to tackle this issue, so why aren't our leaders?

What's the big deal about faith?

Hope's policy is to only hire professors with a commitment to the Christian faith. The problem with that is that someone becomes responsible for deciding who is Christian and who isn't, and as Jack Ridl puts it on page 3 of this issue, someone's faith can't always be "quantifiable and visible."

And if someone doesn't have a faith at all, does that make them any less of an educator? Does that make them any less of a student? Does that make them any less of a person?

Pull is too violent for violent times

"Trench Warfare," "Hostile Takeover," "Ruthless Avenger," "Brute Force," "Heavy Artillery." It's not CNN, it's the Pull. You'd think that with the violence that has consumed the minds of the world recently, the Pull would tone down its emphasis on destruction.

Pullers train for the Pull like they are in boot camp, and when Pull day comes, they chant "Kill, kill. Hate, hate. Murder, murder. Mutilate."

Long ago, the Pull moved away from a friendly athletic competition to a simulation of warfare. On its most public day of the year, Hope College, which is so hung up on its appearance, is sending out the message that it is a military academy that teaches its students to hate. Maybe it's time we rethought our backwards traditions.

Your voice

Student criticizes patriotism

To the editor:

Everywhere I look, all I see is streams of red, white and blue. The American flag. It is supposed to stand for freedom, equality, and justice for all—a symbol of our democratic union, right? The American flag should be promptly torn in half for all it no longer means. People's bitter, hateful, bigoted and violent reactions to the attack on our country have only deepened my unpatriotic sentiments. I cannot believe the racism that has erupted. The need to place blame has overtaken rationality. Are we all ready to stand behind President Bush while he

"makes no distinction between the terrorists and the countries harboring them?" Does any one else realize that the first people the FBI found to actually be tied to the suicide plane missions were here in our own country?

Yes, it is a time to unite and pull together as citizens, not to support war, but to question the oppressive acts of our country that would cause or warrant such an attack.

It is harvest season now and we are quickly reaping all the seeds we have sown. So I can't say I am surprised at both the reactions of the government and a grand majority

of U.S. citizens. The violence portrayed in our media is a reflection of a very real culture of violence, that breeds gun-toting school children and the like. And we are all under the leadership of a commander in chief who preaches that violence is the only acceptable plan.

When we are the target, violence is deplorable. When the ground attacked is precious U.S. soil, it is obscene. How can we make any justification for reacting in the same violent ways???

Rachel Gazda ('02)

US is greatest country, says student

To the editor:

I was driving back to school that Tuesday morning and I kept repeating to myself, "I can't believe what I'm hearing, this isn't happening." The utter horror of this situation was too much for me to comprehend. I was reminded time and again of the ineptitude of our language when I would hear TV reporters try to describe what happened with mere words. Once I got over the initial shock, however, I became inspired by the patriotism shown throughout this country. Before that event, I would have never thought it possible, but seeing the countless flags flying on the streets of Holland and the candlelight vigils on TV showed me what it means to be an American. It was almost as if people have an innate sense that tells them we are the greatest country in the world and that we must defend our freedoms. Keeping that in mind I was disappointed to see a letter to the editor in last week's Anchor about the shortcomings of America. We are the greatest country the world has ever seen and here's why:

We are great because we offer people freedoms on a scale that no government in history has ever come close to. Our founders understood the follies of an overbearing

government and knew that in order to build a great country they had to limit the power of government and therefore allow people to exercise their God-given rights. If we aren't the greatest nation ever, then why are people all over the world scrambling to get into our country? I don't see us trying to go anywhere else. We've been around for a little over 200 years. How is that? It is because our system of government allows ordinary people of this country to go about their business everyday. They are allowed to use their freedoms and rights to their fullest extent and as a whole we achieve things that other nations could only dream of.

We are great because we are kind. We see the power of democracy and know that for people around the world to be free, we must help them resist tyrannical governments. Look at a few of the things that we've done in the past ten years in the Middle East: freed the Arab Islamic state of Kuwait; opposed Saddam Hussein as he slaughtered and gassed Islamic Kurds and Shiites; saved Afghanistan from a sure Soviet takeover; saved Muslims in Bosnia and Kosovo from total extinction. All of this to the people that hate us because of who we are!

We are now at a point when America should take decisive action in response to these terrorist attacks. Contrary to popular opinion in modern academia, these people do not understand kind words; violence is how they communicate. We must attack and destroy governments like the Taliban that have no concept of human rights. They kill homosexuals. They don't allow women to learn how to read. They imprison or kill any dissenters. We must reach out to the oppressed people of these lands and tell them that we are on their side—that we want to set them free. As the greatest democracy in the world it is our duty.

So next time you feel like you're being "patriotic" by pointing out impertinent facts from our past, I ask you to drive around the city of Holland and witness the patriotism. I ask you to sit down and watch a football game; to visit a shopping mall; to read accounts of the bravery shown by the firefighters in NY and DC. Microcosms of our greatness abound everywhere you look. After doing so, then tell me we're not the greatest democracy in the history of the world.

Eric Ringnald ('02)

Hope generosity lauded

To the editor:

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The *thrill* of victory

'O4 wins the 104th pull



GRIP: Tim Kolnytis ('04) stays strong on the rope. Moraler Dina Vathanaphone ('04) watches the coach for all the call sets.



CELEBRATE: '04 congratulates each other after a long difficult Pull.



DOWN THE LINE: A look from the anchor pit on the even year side.



DANCE: '04 kicks up water during the traditional victory swim in the black river.

04 VICTORY PULL



SOLID: Todd Neckers ('04) grips the rope as moraler Emily Blake ('04) keeps him going.

ROLLIN' ON A RIVER: The Knickerbocker Fraternity continues their own tradition of watching the pull from a raft in the middle of the Black River.



FIRST IN LINE: Travis Ruch ('05), the odd year pit #1, holds on to the rope with all his might.

REEL IT IN: Even year takes in the Pull rope as is tradition for the winning team.



ANCHORED: Jared Gall ('05), odd year anchor, screams as odd year heaves.



STRAIN: Tony Cappa ('03,) the odd year coach, gives the strain call, signaling the team to ready for an even year heave.



ROAR: Josh Fosberger ('04) screams in the middle of a heave as moraler Katie LaMonica ('04) cheers on.



...the agony of defeat

Erica Heeg
STAFF REPORTER



ANCHOR PHOTOS BY CLARISSA GREGORY

IN THE DIRT: Top, Andrew Stoepker ('05) yells at his moraler, Katie Caufield ('05). Bottom, Ben Sanders ('05) and Quinn Ellsworth ('05).



Although they lost, '05 pullers don't see themselves as losers

As long as they live, it is not likely that the '05 Pull team will ever forget last Saturday. While the events of the day may not have gone exactly as they wished, the experience was in no way a loss for them.

"It was so worth it. The whole experience was amazing. It was about being part of a family," said moraler Katie Fields ('05).

Many of the pullers felt the same way.

"We did everything we could. We did odd year proud. We never gave up," said Matt Chatelain ('05).

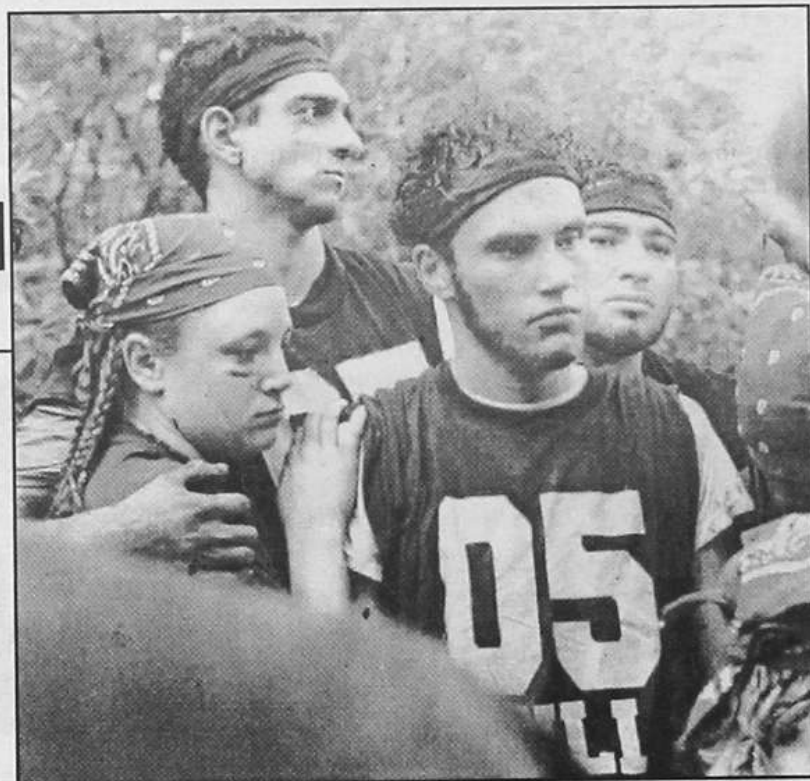
After three weeks of practices and the absolutely exhausting three hour Pull on Saturday, the team, consisting of forty freshman men and women, had gone through a lot of pain together.

"You did something special, something no one can, or ever will take away from you," shouted an '05 coach at the end of the event. "You did yourselves and odd year proud. Hold your heads high."

Saturday probably did not mark the end of '05's pulling days. Many of them will come back next year to avenge their loss. Both Fields and Chatelain were ready to do it all over again.

"I feel a very strong desire to go back next year and beat even year," Fields said.

NO REGRETS: Travis Ruch ('05), Landon Lapham ('05) and Sarah Bauman ('05) reflect on their defeat at the hands of '04.



Erica Heeg
Staff Reporter

FIRST IMPRESSIONS

Reflections of a first time Pull fan

Even before coming to Hope this year as a freshman, I'd heard a lot about the Pull. From my understanding, it was an annual tug-o-war across a river between the freshman and sophomore class. Anyone could participate in it, it didn't last long, and whoever pulled the other side into the river first, won.

As I walked out to the site on Saturday, I could hear all this screaming. I was afraid that the whole thing might be over. It wasn't. I got up close to the '05 anchor. I stood there watching him for at least half an hour. I was horrified. I actually had to step away because I thought I was going to get sick just looking at him. I kept thinking *why would you ever put yourself through this? These people are crazy!*

But as the Pull progressed, I became intrigued by the encouragement that was going on between the pullers. The guys down the rope were constantly checking up on the anchor. I couldn't imagine thinking of anyone but yourself at a time like that.

Luckily, I was able to talk to some of the folks in the community who came out to watch. They were all so proud of the pullers and moralers and the tradition that

they were upholding.

But, it wasn't until it was all over that I finally started to grasp what Pull is really all about. It isn't really about winning or losing, it isn't about pulling on a rope for three hours, and it isn't about upholding a tradition. As the '05 team and coaches huddled around the anchor at the finish, it made sense. It's about being part of a family and working together through blood, sweat, tears and hell to accomplish something. It's about not giving up.

When I was able to talk to a few members of the team at the end, I kept hearing the same words. All of that work was worth it. My team is so amazing. I am ready in a second to do it again. I am proud. These are not the words of a defeated team.

I left the Pull site with a totally

different perspective than when I first arrived. I left with an enormous respect for my fellow classmates who had participated in this great event.



STOICISM: Patrick Nolan ('05) shows little emotion as he fights for rope. His moraler, Melissa Pikaart ('05), looks on.

Artist to give introduction for Hope's 21st symposium

Beth Lomasney
ARTS EDITOR

This year's Critical Issues Symposium, "Earth Matters: Daily Decisions, Environmental Echoes," will wrap up with a creative flair. Performance artist Billy Curmano will perform a piece titled, "Muck Minnow, the Gill Boy," on Thursday, September 27, at 8 p.m. in the Knickerbocker Theater.

The piece has resulted from Curmano's experience of swimming the length of the Mississippi River, a 2,367 mile journey from the source of the river to the Gulf of Mexico.

Curmano sees his swim as an environmental statement.

"With the environment in general, pollution has been a suspect in changes such as the deformed frog," Curmano said. "The Muck Minnow concept came out of my time spent in the

water, and the transformative metamorphosis that resulted from the swim."

A video portion off the piece comes directly from Curmano's



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CURMANO: Making an environmental statement.

swim. The entire show contains musical, visual, and dramatic aspects.

"It will be a full blown performance," Curmano said.

Although the Critical Issues Symposium, (CIS), runs October 2-3, the topics will be addressed in events outside of the two days.

Curmano's works will also be featured in an exhibit at Holland Area Arts Council from Friday, September 28, through Wednesday, October 10.

Curmano suggests his performance will be unlike other things Hope students may have already seen.

"It has an adventure side to it," Curmano said. "They will be able to get a handle of what my swim was like."

The public is invited to the Thursday performance, and admission is free. Call 395-7893 for more CIS events.

Opus taking student submissions

Maureen Yonovitz
STAFF REPORTER

The time has come once again for student writers, artists, and photographers to have their work in print in Hope's literary magazine, Opus. Editor in chief Christina VanRegenmorter ('03) is looking forward to the upcoming year.

"I'm very excited to be the Editor in Chief of Opus this year. We have a large and dedicated staff already, and I can't wait to get started," VanRegenmorter said.

The tri-yearly published magazine is currently accepting submissions for its fall issue. Monday, October 15 is the final due date, but there are two other opportunities to submit in January and March if you miss the October deadline.

Submissions may be handed into the boxes in the English Depart-

ment, or sent via email. Email submissions are asked to be sent in a Microsoft Word attachment to opus@hope.edu. All printed submissions should be in Times New Roman, 12-point font. Larger, three-dimensional pieces may be photographed and returned right away.

Required information includes name, title of artwork (or first line), and contact information.

Typically, there are more poetry submissions than anything else, but visual artists are strongly encouraged to submit. There are no requirements for pieces to be considered, and anyone is allowed to submit.

"While its [Opus'] root in the English department fosters the skills of English majors to write, produce, and publish, it also gives

students from all walks and majors a chance to share and appreciate the work of their fellow student," said Josiah Dykstra, Opus staff member.

Students are also encouraged to take advantage of Opus sponsored events, including the Opus Artscape, which are gatherings welcoming singers, readers, performers, or anyone who wants to observe.

"Bring your guitar, your hand-made lyrics, your aria from voice class, your brand new poem, your short story from 8th grade. It's time for those students who want to share art to get together," VanRegenmorter said.

For more information regarding Opus events or the Opus literary magazine, be sure to check out the bulletin board on the first floor of Lubbers Hall.

Beth Lomasney



Arts editor

LOOSE TIES

Details, details

The start of this semester has been an intricate experience.

Between carving the word "TRASH" onto my clay-made trash can, and transferring weight into my double time steps, I try to see the big picture.

(As a service to faithful Anchor readers, I've compiled a semester of exquisite detail.)

In other words, I'm taking 12 credits in the 1st semester of my senior year, which includes tap, ceramics, and creative writing. I'm attempting to bring liberal arts down to a science.

As my tap teacher suggests, dancers get out of the shuffle what they put in. Two tiny beats have the ability to control the rhythm and motion of an entire exercise.

And as my ceramics prof emphasizes, it's the little decisions that control the eye. It's the visual personalization that gives the piece life.

But most inherent to my world has always been words, and when my Literature professor, J.A. Montano, said, "Love cannot exist outside of language", I began to think of this analogy:

Detail is to language as art is to love.

We put aside our papers to talk about life with our room-mates just as the artist puts aside the idea to focus on what really matters to her or him. We engage in conversation to create a connection.

It's similar to Anne Lamott's philosophy in "Bird by Bird." In this invaluable collection of "some instructions on writing and life," Lamott tells us of her one-inch picture frame.

This frame sits on her desk, reminding her to take stories one step at a time, painting them as small and sincere as a one-inch picture.

It is in her attentiveness that she finds her art, her voice.

And fortunately, art does us the service of being all sorts of voices. We can throw our precious details onto the face of this earth and let them make the loudest racket possible, or we can shed some light on what is ordinary and watch others glow with quiet realizations.

We can express what we love in a language that isn't always vocal.

I've realized this: If I listen closely, I can hear the emotion in a tap dancer's ball-change pattern.

If I look farther, I can understand a potter's fondness for angles. And if I read with an unearthed clarity, I can no longer separate fiction from what is real.

We pay attention to what matters. We don't deny precision to our most heartfelt picture frames.

If love exists in language, and we speak through various art, than I guess love exists in the most personal, thoughtful places.

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Hope Symphonette to open season

The Hope College Symphonette will present its first concert of the 2001/2002 season on Friday, Sept. 28, at 8 p.m. in Dimnent Memorial Chapel. Admission is free and the public is invited.

The concert opens with the Little Suite for String Orchestra by Danish composer Carl Nielsen. A three-movement piece highly influenced by Dvorak and Brahms, the suite was debuted in the famed Tivoli

Gardens in 1888.

Also in the program is the Concerto Grosso No. 1 for Strings and Piano Obligato by Jewish-American composer Ernest Bloch. The neo-classic work will feature piano soloist Linda Strouf, a member of the Hope College music faculty.

The Symphonette will conclude the concert with The Comedians Suite, Op. 26 by Russian composer Dimitri Kabalevsky.

Recording artist gives CIS concert

Folk/rock recording artist Erik Muiderman will give an environmentally friendly concert on Tuesday, Oct. 2, at 10 p.m. at the Knickerbocker Theater.

The Holland native is part of Hope's 21st Critical Issues Symposium.

As a solo artist, Muiderman combines elements of folk, rock, blues, bluegrass and

jazz into a seamless blend that is uniquely his own.

He will be joined by his early collaborators, Charlie Hoats and Bernie Jellema. Muiderman and Hoats cofounded the Folk Lizards in 1989, and became one of the most in-demand bands around West Michigan. The concert is free.

Corrections & Updates:

-The play "The Years" will be performed in the DeWitt Studio Theater, as opposed to the Main Theater, on September 28-29, and October 3, 4, 11-13, at 8 p.m.

-Due to a family illness, Clyde Edgerton will not be reading at tonight's Visiting Writers Series. Linda DeRosier will read as scheduled at 7 p.m., joined by poets Susan Atefat Peckham and Joel Peckham, of the Hope English faculty.

WHAT'S UP?

Hope Happenings:

Visiting Writers Series
9/26 free admission, 7 p.m.
Knick Theater

Jazz Chamber Ensemble
introduces CIS
10/2, 6 - 6:45 p.m.
Dimnent Chapel

Vanderprov auditions
9/26, 10-11:30 p.m., Wichers Aud.

"The Years," Hope Theater
Fri., Sat. 9/28-29, Wed., Thurs.
10/3-4, Wed., Thurs. 10/10-13
DeWitt Studio Theater

"Muck Minnow, the Gill Boy"
9/27 free admission, 8 p.m.
Knick Theater

Symphonette concert
9/28 free admission, 8 p.m.
Dimnent Memorial Chapel

Erik Muiderman concert
10/2 free admission, 10 p.m.
Knick Theater

Out & About:

Broadway Theater Guild
"Swing" 9/25-30, DeVos Hall
Grand Rapids

DANCE; Grand Rapids' newest
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Comedy Den, Grand Rapids
Fri., Sat. 8 & 10:30 p.m.
616-949-9322

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Thurs., Fri., Sat., 9:30-1:30 a.m.
singers must be 21 and over

GVSU Shakespeare Festival
"The Tempest", 9/28-30, 10/5-7
\$10-\$5 students, \$3-\$2.50 groups

Writer's Exchange, Barnes & Noble
7 p.m., free (bring samples)
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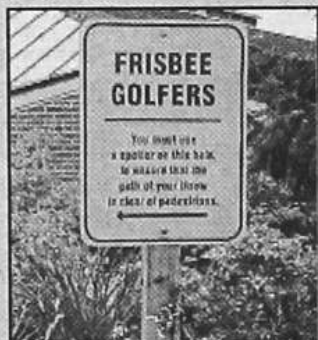
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Tarah- Now that I have my relationship with God sorted out, I think we can start seeing each other again. How about the SAC movie on Saturday? -Steve

Anchor staff- Please turn off the waxer before you leave the office. -Tooth Fairy



Today's
Count: 2

Watch this space

A new addition to the Hope College campus this year are two frisbee golf warning signs on either side of DeWitt. As a service to you, the Anchor will be keeping a running tally of how many times these signs were either stolen or vandalized.

NYKERK!!!

Freshman and sophomore men! Do you want to make a group of girls love you? Do you want free food? If you answered yes to either of these questions, the come to the Nykerk Men's Rally at Phelps Cafeteria on Sunday, September 30th at 7:00 p.m. and find out how to become a morale guy!

Freshman and sophomore women! Do you want to participate in one of the oldest traditions at Hope College? Do you want a group of guys to buy you gifts for you and make you laugh? If so, come to the Nykerk Women's Rally in Dimnent Chapel on Monday, October 1 at 8:30 p.m. and find out about Nykerk!

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Christian and take the easy route by turning ourselves into a survivalist camp," Ridl said. "Were we a Christian college, we'd say to those who would challenge our welcoming faculty of other humane faiths and ways, 'That's exactly why we are a Christian college.'"

Baer believes that the losses that Hope would incur great losses if its

hiring policy did not include the aspect of Christian belief. According to Baer, Hope could not last as a Christian college unless it had Christian professors.

"It is pretty clear from the history of American higher education that within less than a generation, Hope would cease being a Christian college," Baer said.

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Where have you been?

The Anchor meetings are on Wednesday at 9 p.m. and Sunday at 6 p.m. in the Anchor office.

Men's Soccer wins in OT over Calvin

Bryant Loomis ('03) scores game winning goal in overtime to defeat rival Calvin

John Rodstrom
STAFF REPORTER

Saturday's men's soccer match between archrivals Hope College and Calvin College is best summed up in the words of a fan who witnessed the event.

"That was an action packed thriller," said Brian Mulder ('05).

The Flying Dutchmen (7-0-1, 1-0-1 MIAA) beat the Knights (3-3-2, 1-1-0 MIAA) in sudden death overtime. Hope player Bryant Loomis ('03) scored the game winning goal nine minutes into overtime.

"All I have to say is that the credit goes to the team. We got our possession game back today, which is what we wanted to do and I thought we were a stronger squad than Calvin," Loomis said. "That last goal; the credit goes to Eddie [Huebner ('04)]; he put me wide open in front of the goalie."

The Flying Dutchmen also benefited from some exceptional fan support, particularly the "JAC" crew, an avid group of former players and fans.

"The noise those guys are bringing to the game and the enthusiasm, I think really does lift up the guys," said Steve Smith, Hope College's head men's soccer coach.

"The home field advantage is good at Hope, especially with that crowd. We lost one game at home last year and none this year so far."

Tim Kelly ('03) opened the scoring for Hope in the 31st minute off a corner kick from Chris Sterling ('04). With only two minutes left in the first half, Charlie Matz ('02) crossed the ball from the left flank to Huebner, who then fired a shot past Calvin's keeper to make the score 2-1 going into half-time.

Hope's dominance was manifested not only by their numerous scoring opportunities, but also by their solid defensive play. In the 59th minute, defender Tim Keeler ('02) made a big play for Hope, clearing a potential goal by heading the ball over the crossbar. Calvin managed to knot the score at two in the 83rd minute on a controversial play. A Calvin player threw the ball in from the right sideline to the near post, where there was a struggle for the ball in which it appeared that Hope goalkeeper Marcus Voss ('03) was physically prevented from getting the ball.

"In my opinion, I was fouled, but the linesman didn't see it that way so I have to go on his judge-



ANCHOR PHOTO BY ROB ONDRA

ON A ROLL: A Hope College player dribbles the ball during Hope's 3-2 overtime victory against Calvin College on Saturday. The Flying Dutchmen are 7-0-1 on the year.

ment," Voss said. "If I were the linesman, I might have called it a little differently."

Regulation ended with the score tied at two, sending the game into overtime. Coach Smith was very confident in the way his team was playing heading into overtime.

"I literally did say to the guys that sat on the bench, a minute before we scored that I was so confident with the

way the team was playing," Smith said.

As Coach Smith predicted, the Flying Dutchmen dominated the overtime, scoring off a header from Huebner to Loomis in front of the goal.

"This is probably the most exciting feeling I've ever had in a soccer game," Loomis said. "To score the game winner against Calvin is just

amazing."

Co-Captain Voss was very happy with the play of his team, and also the crowd.

"I think our team came out and played their A-game. I can't ask for more of any guy on the field or the bench. The bench guys were screaming their heads off. On the field, the guys played 100%. There is not one thing I could ask for more out of these guys

today," Voss said. "The crowd this year has been awesome, they definitely make the game ten times more fun, and bring that emotion the game needs."

The Flying Dutchmen's next home game is Saturday at 1:30 p.m. against Olivet College. All are welcome to come an hour or two early to barbecue with the "JAC" crew.

V-Ball defeats Calvin

John Rodstrom
STAFF REPORTER

Nothing is bigger than the Hope-Calvin game. Nothing, except when both Hope College and Calvin College come into the match undefeated. The Hope College women's volleyball team soundly defeated Calvin, 22-30, 30-25, 30-22, 30-27 in a battle for the lead in the MIAA championship race. Coach Maureen Dunn returned from maternity leave to lead the Dutch to victory.

"We're really happy with the way we played. We came out slow in the first game, but they got confident and aggressive and played well for the next three games. I was really pleased," Dunn said.

The players were also very happy with the team's play.

"I thought we played awesome. I was just really happy with the way that we played together as a team and everyone stepped up," said Kara VanAssen, Hope team member.

After falling behind and struggling in the first match, the Dutch rallied to victory in the next three games as several players stepped up their level of play.

"Kara VanAssen had some kills that really got players

pumped up, she really did a nice job," Dunn said. "She's a very strong, aggressive, very motivated player."

Amy Brower led the Dutch with 13 kills, 14 digs and four service aces. Martha Luidens had 12 kills while Katie Hall finished with 12 digs and setter McKenna Troyan chalked up 37 assists.

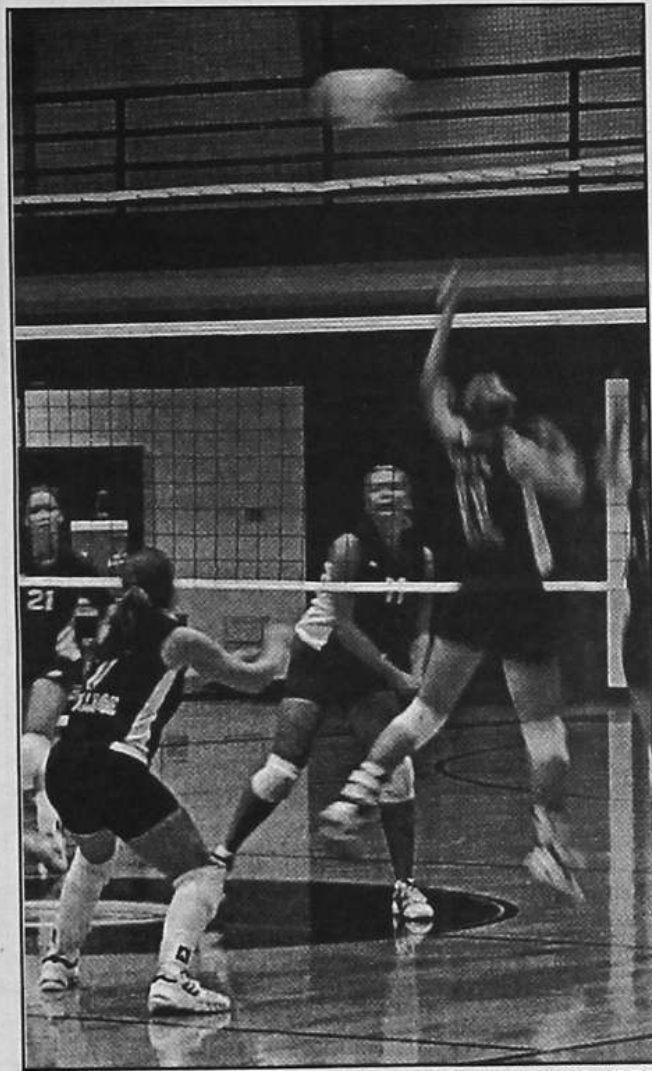
"Our goal is to win the MIAA and we also want to host the MIAA tournament that makes a big difference. The home court advantage is good for us," Dunn said.

The victory over Calvin was not just about winning the MIAA, it was about defeating an arch rival.

"It's a huge rivalry, that's all I can say. As the years go on it just gets bigger," VanAssen said. "Upper classmen understand it more, and to beat Calvin; it's awesome."

The Dutch scored their fifth victory in a row later in the day against Cornerstone in an intense non-league match, 30-27, 27-30, 30-25, 28-30, 16-14. The win improved Hope's record to 5-0 in the MIAA, and 8-6 overall.

The Flying Dutch will host Saint Mary's Thursday at 7:00 p.m. in the Dow.



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SPIKE THE KNIGHTS: Hope player Kara VanAssen ('03) goes up for the kill during the match against Calvin on Saturday in the Dow Center. Hope won the match 22-30, 30-25, 30-22, 30-27. The win improved The Flying Dutch's record to a perfect 5-0 in MIAA play and 8-6 overall.

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Andy Volk
ASST. SPORTS EDITOR

The MIAA Jamboree was held at Hope College this past Saturday. This was the first time the cross-country runners had a chance to attack the new course layout at Buys Fields. The seven other teams competing at the Jamboree included Calvin, Adrian, Albion, Alma, St. Mary's, Kalamazoo, and Olivet. Taking first place in both the women and men's events were the Calvin Knights. The Flying Dutch filled the runner-up position after their long break from competitive running.

"I felt that our women's pack ran well but were a little flat by not racing last weekend. It was nice to have Martha Graham back with us to lead the charge," said Mark Northuis, cross-country head coach.

Top finishers for Hope women included Martha Graham ('04), with a posting time of 20:19, Martha Bouwens ('05), coming in



ANCHOR PHOTO BY ROB ONDRA

RUNNIN' WILD: The women's cross country team finished second place behind Calvin in the MIAA Jamboree on Saturday at Hope College.

at 20:23 and co-captain, Kristen Post ('03), finishing at the 20:31 mark.

"I'm just happy with how everyone on the team pulled together and they all worked very hard. Conditions weren't the best today, but they all showed effort," said Graham ('04).

The men turned in an impressive third place performance in the 8k race. The top male runners this weekend for Hope all posted times under the 28minute mark.

Dylan Wade ('02), team co-captain, finished with a solid time of 26:17, placing him third out of the eighty-six runners in Saturday's event. Dane Splinter ('02), co-captain, crossed the line at the 27:49 mark, placing him in the 17th position.

"Our Captains, Dylan Wade and Dane Splinter, led by example and finished 1st and 2nd for us. Dylan had one of his best collegiate races to date. Mike Douma ('04) also raced his best collegiate race to finish third," Northuis said.

Weather and course conditions

both seem to have played a mixed role in the results the runners posted. With the temperature being a bit warmer than forecasted, the runners reacted to that in many different ways.

"Conditions were a bit warm and very wet in areas. It usually takes around a half-hour to fully recover from the race in this heat," said Leticia Grandia ('03) of Hope.

Though the temperature was very distasteful the new location of running may have benefited the runners more so than last years course at Van Raalte Farms.

"Combined with the humidity, the racing conditions turned tough for the men's race. If we had been on our normal course (Van Raalte Farm) it would have been very tough because of how the trails are carved through the fields. Buys Field's are much more open, allowing for some breeze to cool the runners," Northuis said.

In Augustana, the next meet for Hope Cross-Country will be a division 3 invitational this Friday at 5:00 p.m.



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RUNNING MAN: Dylan Wade ('02) runs to a third place finish in the CC meet on Saturday with a time of 26:17.

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Patriotism

Sitting in Notre Dame stadium prior to the Michigan State game last Saturday afternoon made me feel more patriotic than any other time in my life. Everyone in the stadium was given a newspaper with the American flag on it, and all 80,000 fans held them up proudly and sang "God Bless America" and "The Star Spangled Banner." It was one of the most amazing sights I'd ever seen.

I've been going to college football games most of my life, and honestly, prior to Saturday, the National Anthem didn't have much of an effect on me. All it meant was that we were that much closer to kickoff.

Saturday was different. Instead of thinking about the game about to start, I thought about how lucky we are to be living in America, and how much our anthem really means.

Prior to the events of September 11, 2001, the only times I felt patriotic were on the 4th of July and watching Mel Gibson in "The Patriot." But now my thoughts and feelings toward my country have completely changed. I now understand what we've been fighting for all these years: our freedom.

Some people think sports aren't all that important, but I believe they are unquestionably a part of American life. I certainly enjoy the freedom to get passionate about my team and to travel for hundreds of miles into different states to see my Spartans play.

In my view, it was terribly important for sporting events to continue after the terrorist attacks, just as it was important

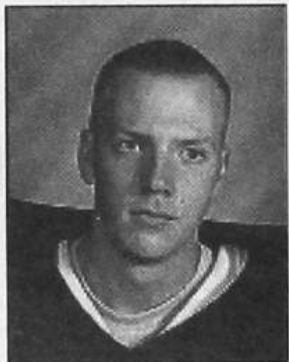
for the stock exchange to resume trading on the following Monday. Americans needed to get their lives back on track and go on. Not by forgetting what happened and the need to seek justice for those who lost their lives, but by dealing with it and praying that it will never happen again.

I applaud Hope College for playing football on the Saturday after the attacks when most of the country decided not to play. It was Community Day at Hope College, and the Holland community came together as one collective group. Prior to the game, there was a moment of silence to memorialize the events of that Tuesday.

Then the game was played as it would on any other Saturday. Thank you Hope College for not allowing the terrorists to think they succeeded in changing our way of life.

Sporting events helped us as Americans get excited again about something fun and positive. It helped unite us as a country, especially because no other kinds of events regularly bring so many Americans together in such large groups. Fear and terror are magnified if you feel you are all alone to face it. Being in stadiums with thousands of other patriotic Americans — or even watching on TV — helps us realize that we are all in this fight together. And that's a major step toward getting our country back on track. In stadiums across the land fans now aren't only cheering for their teams — they are cheering for their country. And it feels very good.

ANCHOR ALL-STAR



MIKE GLE

Gle ('02) caught 4 touchdown passes as the Flying Dutchmen defeated Wheaton 33-26 on Saturday. He finished the game with 8 catches for 160 yards. His touchdowns were from 10, 27, 67, and 11 yards. Gle now has 18 touchdowns in his career, a Hope College record.

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